



# Gunpowder Currents

The Official Newsletter of Gunpowder Falls State Park

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## Environmental Heroes

**N**ever doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

Water shortages, raging wildfires, widespread pollution, overflowing landfills, endangered species, disappearing forests, energy inefficiency, resource overexploitation, global warming... the list goes on and on. As more and more environmental dilemmas are brought to our attention by public media, it is easy to feel overwhelmed, discouraged and even helpless. What can one person do, anyway? It is a common question these days, even considering the present trend towards everything "green." Arguably it's also a fair question, given the daunting task of coping with many of these global issues. Still, as Margaret Mead reminds us, one person can do quite a lot.

The history of the environmental movement in this country and around the world is littered with heroes—ample evidence of the powerful effect individuals can have. For those of you who may remain skeptical, here is a very brief (and not comprehensive) glimpse into the history of positive environmental change—sparked by just a few people!

- The idea of environmental stewardship permeated our culture long before any of us were born. Even in tougher times, before many of the industrial and technological advances we now

enjoy, the wheels of change were turning. Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote and circulated influential works in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century; their writing inspired a new appreciation of nature and proposed the idea of wilderness preserves.

- Perhaps thanks to Emerson, Thoreau, and other writings, citizens of California went into an uproar when a giant tree was felled in 1851. Called "Mother of the Forest," this 300 foot, 2520 year old sequoia was chopped down for show; its death eventually stimulated a nationwide outcry on behalf of trees. This one event, and the members of the public that reacted to it, led to the formation of Yosemite and many more of our state and national parks.

- Meanwhile, in London, a physician named John Snow successfully traced a cholera outbreak to a contaminated water system in 1855. Not only was this a huge step for public health, but his techniques paved the way for

future environmental scientists and raised public awareness of the issue of water pollution.

- In the late 1800s, John Muir was making history through his writings and direct activism for conservation of the environment. His actions helped pass laws that saved numerous important national parks and other wilderness areas.

- In more recent history, Rachel Carson changed the way we think about nature with her book, *Silent Spring*, in 1962. Carson was able to uniquely tie information about pesticide abuse and environmental impact into a vivid and engaging story that was understandable by common people. Ms. Carson herself was guilty of doubting her own ability to create change, as evidenced by some of her correspondence to friends—yet her one book brought about an enduring improvement in public environmental stewardship.

- After Vice President Al Gore's political career pushed him into a public media spotlight, he pursued his passion for the environment and spread his message about global warming farther and wider than ever before. He and the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

- On the local front, Bernie Fowler worked within local government to significantly improve the cleanliness of the Patuxent River. To this day, his annual "wade-in" events help raise awareness of water quality issues statewide.

- As described in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue of *The Gunpowder Currents*, the battle to

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## Rail Trail Photo Contest Winners Announced!

**G**unpowder's annual photo contest highlighting the former Northern Central Railroad Trail (now the Torrey C. Brown Trail) took a neighborly turn this past year. In the diverse Monkton community, "heart" of the trail and home to Monkton Station, our neighboring art gallery, Diddywopps and Keeffers, agreed to host the photo show including an artists' reception in their gallery. Due to the exciting prospect of a gallery showing, the photo contest received many fantastic entries this year!

Gunpowder thanks Diddywopps and Keeffer's Tami Satterfield for hosting the 2008 photo contest and for her immeasurable guidance and assistance in its organization. Thanks are also due to Joanne Hicks, professional artist and photographer, for judging the many splendid

entries. We also wish to thank Bicycle Connection, Charm City Run and Wild Birds Unlimited for their generous prize donations. And of course, thanks to all of the photo contest participants for showing us the life and beauty of the Torrey C. Brown Trail through their photographs!

### 2008 Photo Contest Winners

*First Place*—Tim Bena  
"NCR Intersection Panorama 360"

*Second Place*—Jan Portwood  
"Morning Reflections"

*Third Place*—Kate Hall, Untitled

### Honorable Mentions:

Walter Massey, "Free to Grow"

Joan Luce, "NCR Trail"

Bryan Stoner, "Gunpowder River Reflection 2008"

David Pumplin, "Swallow Butterfly on Joe Pye Weed"

Earl Hopewell, "Gunpowder Elegiac"

Congratulations to all! And remember, it's not too soon to start preparing for the 2009 photo contest. This year's show is October 15-19 with the artists' reception on Saturday, October 17 from 3-5 p.m. So get outside with your camera and get started capturing more great TCB Trail scenes! For more information and rules, contact Jen Cashell at 410-329-6809 or jcashell@dnr.state.md.us.


# Family Programs & Special Events


**A NOTE ON PROGRAM REGISTRATION:** You may notice that some of the programs below ask that you pre-register to participate. This helps us to direct our efforts in ways that best serve you, our guest. If the program you're interested in requires pre-registration, please take a moment to call us at 410-592-2897 and let us know you're coming. This helps to ensure that your program will not be canceled. For park programs, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Donations are always welcome!


## APRIL 2009

 **4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 Jerusalem Mill Visitor Center and Museum** - Gunpowder Falls State Park Headquarters, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Follow the efforts of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill in restoring the significant architecture of this colonial era settlement. Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday. Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.

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 **11 Easter Egg Hunt** - North Point State Park, registration begins at 12 p.m. Come to the park for a spring celebration! Kids under 12 can enjoy an egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest, and other activities hosted by the North Point Volunteers. Enjoy the outdoors and a day of family fun. Call: 410-477-0757 for more information and to register. Cost: \$2/child. Admission to the park is \$3 per car. Donations welcome.

**18 Earth Day Clean Up @ Hereford** - Bunker Hill Road, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Help park staff and volunteers clean up the wildlands forest borders along Bunker Hill Road. Bring your work boots, gloves and some water to stay hydrated. We will provide a snack. See you there! Rain or shine. Call: 410-329-6809 for more information.

**18 Earth Day Clean Up @ North Point** - North Point State Park, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., meet at back parking lot. Attention volunteers! Come on down, help the park put its best foot forward and join in the North Point Volunteers' spring cleaning effort. Bring your work gloves, boots, and energy to help get the park ready for summer. Call: 410-477-0757 for more information. Donations welcome.

**22 Wildlands Hike** - Hereford Wildlands, meet at Masemore Road Parking lot, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Join park staff for a challenging but scenic hike along the Gunpowder just below Prettyboy Dam. Hike includes some steep terrain and is not suitable for young children. This is a shine

only event. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.


 **25 Second Annual Polar Fair** - North Point State Park, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come to the park in the spirit of Earth Day to enjoy the unique beauty of Maryland's fields, forests and bay while learning what you can do to become a better steward of the earth. Visitors will find vendors and displays offering practical ways to conserve energy and reduce carbon footprints, presentations on the climate crisis and what we can do about it, games, food, crafts, prizes and activities for children and adults! This event is FREE! Admission to the park is \$3 per car. Call: 410-592-2897 for more information.


## MAY 2009

**1 Turkey Talk and Walk** - Days Cove, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Join park staff for an entertaining and active exploration of the world of the elusive wild turkey. Turkeys have made a terrific comeback in our state forests, parks and wildlands, but due to their shy nature it is a rare treat to spy one! You will have the opportunity to practice turkey calls and search the cove for signs of the turkey. Dress for the outdoors and wear insect repellent. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.

**2 Chesapeake Bay Paddlefest** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Hammerman Area, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come enjoy the chance to try out new and different kinds of kayaks at the beach for free! Join us for an educational day on the water complete with fun, sun, great food and festivities for the whole family. Rain or shine. While participation in Paddlefest is free, there is a \$3/per person service charge to enter the park. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).

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 **3 Summer Concert Series** - Jerusalem Mill Meadow, Celtic and maritime music by Charlie Zahm, with Tad Marks and Cheryl Prashker, begins at 6:00 p.m. The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us

the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by one of a select group of regional performers. Sodas and snacks can be purchased on site. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at [www.jerusalem-mill.org](http://www.jerusalem-mill.org). Call: 410-877-3560. \$7/person (\$5/person if a member of The Friends of Jerusalem Mill), children under 12 admitted free.

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♿ **10 Mother's Day Weekend Wildflower Search** - Monkton Station, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bring your Mom, or Moms bring your children, to accompany park staff as we seek out and identify wildflowers blooming along the Torrey C. Brown Trail. Following the walk make a craft to take home. Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$2/per person. Call: 410-592-2897.

**16 Trail Work Day** - Location TBA, Northern Baltimore Co. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of our trails. Please dress appropriately wearing layers, comfortable boots, and work gloves. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather. Other dates available!

♿ **16, 17 The Redcoats are Coming!** - Jerusalem Mill, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Come see demonstrations featuring scenarios that cover the question: what if a British raid had encountered American troops at Jerusalem Mill? Join us and find out with activities throughout both days. This is the largest Revolutionary War encampment in the U.S. in 2009! See website [www.jerusalem-mill.org](http://www.jerusalem-mill.org). Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-877-3560 for details. Cost: adults - \$7, ages 10 to 16 - \$5, under 10, seniors and military - \$3.

♿ **23, 24 Wandering Wildlife Exhibits** - Hammerman and North Point. Keep an eye out as you visit the park this weekend! Naturalists will be moving through our busiest areas with live animals native to Maryland. You and your family may be lucky enough to meet with them! No registration required.

♿ **30 Squirmy Wormy** - Monkton Station, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 12:00-1:00 pm. Choose which session works best for you! Worms may be slimy, but they are a fascinating and vital part of our local environment. Come explore the world of the worm with us! Be ready to dig in the dirt with us and make a tasty snack! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.

## JUNE 2009

**3 Bike Through History: Papermill** - TCB Trail, Papermill parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.

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**6 Night Hike** - North Point State Park, entrance parking area, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Spend the early evening hiking in and near the woods of North Point, searching and listening for the creatures of the night. Learn about nature at night with hands-on activities during the program. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.

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**10 Bike Through History: Bentley Springs** - TCB Trail, Bentley Road parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. Call: 410-472-3144




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**13 Cane Pole Fishing** - TCB Trail, Sparks Bank Nature Center. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Youths age 6-13 will learn a little about fish, make their own cane pole fishing rod, and then head down to the river to try their luck! All fishing supplies will be provided. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sunblock and insect repellent. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Donations welcome. Other dates available!*

**13 Paddle For The Cure** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Hammerman Area, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join us for a memorable day on the water complete with fun, sun, food and festivities. This is a very special fundraiser for the Komen Foundation; every stroke you paddle and every dollar you raise helps in the fight to cure breast cancer. *Pre-registration is required. Register online at [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com). For more information call 410-335-5352.*


**14 Sunset Paddle** - Days Cove, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Explore the scenic Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity at dusk. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$8/person. Other dates available!*

 **16 Go "Green" for Animals** - Days Cove, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meet live animals native to our area and get to know them better with one of our naturalists. Then participate in a project to help make the world a little more hospitable to the featured creatures. Take home green ideas to support wildlife and protect the planet. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.*

**17 Bike Through History: White Hall** - TCB Trail, Wiseburg Road parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.*

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**20 Stream Search** - TCB Trail, Sparks Bank Nature Center, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Youth age 6-12 will explore the stream and learn how to use a seine and dip nets. Collect and identify aquatic insects and learn their importance to the health of the stream. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sunblock and insect repellent. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Other dates available!*


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**27 Gunpowder River Tubing Trip** - TCB Trail, Monkton Station, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Beat the summer heat with a leisurely tubing trip down the Big Gunpowder Falls. Meet at Monkton Station for a 1.8 mile hike up the TCB Trail. Then enjoy the two hour river float back to Monkton Station. Wear sunblock, swimsuits or shorts and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Secure your car keys. Tubes and PFD's are provided. Please arrive early, as parking spaces are at a premium at this location. Participants must be at least 16 years old. This is a shine only event. *This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-472-3144 before noon on the day of the trip. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$5/person. Other dates available!*

**27 Campfire at the Beach** - Hammerman Area beach, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Other dates available!*


 **28 Reptile Display** - Sparks Bank Nature Center, TCB trail, anytime from 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. Stop by the nature center to visit with a park naturalist and meet some of the cold blooded creatures who inhabit Gunpowder Falls State Park. Some lucky visitors may have a chance to assist in feeding the reptiles. Small children are welcome. *Call: 410-592-2897.*

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♻️ **11 Camptown Concert** - Jerusalem Mill Meadow, 6:00 p.m. Civil War era entertainment. *Call: 410-877-3560 for details. Concert free with general admission to Gilmer's raid, \$7 per person without. (\$5/person if a member of The Friends of Jerusalem Mill).*

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**12, 19 Stream Search** - TCB Trail, Sparks Bank Nature Center, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Youth age 6-12 will explore the stream and learn how to use a seine and dip nets. Collect and identify aquatic insects and learn their importance to the health of the stream. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sunblock and insect repellent. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Other dates available!*

**15 Bike Through History: Parkton** - TCB Trail, Parkton parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check*




Tired of traffic jams and airport delays complicating your precious vacation? Simplify! Choose the Mill Pond Cottage for your next getaway, and leave your troubles behind. Located in the scenic Hereford area of Gunpowder Falls State Park, the Cottage offers true peace and quiet in a private, streamside retreat.

The Mill Pond Cottage sleeps 8 people, and has a full kitchen, central air conditioning and heat, cable television, wood-burning fireplace, screened-in porch and much more! Anglers will love the two-minute walk to one of the best trout fishing areas in the country. A mere thirty-minute drive from Baltimore can make you feel like you're a thousand miles away—without the travel hassles!

We'd love to help you plan your visit. Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897 for information, or to request a full-color brochure. Check us out on the web at:

[www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/millpond.html](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/millpond.html)

*for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.*


 **18 Youth Fishing Derby** - North Point State Park, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Derby starts at 8:30 a.m. with a casting contest at 12:30 p.m. Prizes, trophies, and certificates will be presented after the casting contest. Call: 410-477-0757 or 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person. Donations welcome.

**18, 25 Essentials of Canoeing** - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Day 1 at Days Cove, Day 2 on Gunpowder River. Join the park staff on this fantastic two-day canoe program! On Day 1, you will learn the essentials of canoe safety and handling. On Day 2, put your training to use and canoe a section of the upper Gunpowder River in the Hereford Area. Participants must be reasonably fit and able to lift 25 lbs. Bring lunch, water shoes, bug repellent, and a bathing suit. Participants must be 8 years or older and each child must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$30 per person.

**22 Bike Through History: Phoenix**, TCB Trail, Phoenix parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.

**25 Campfire in the Woods** - Days Cove, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.

## AUGUST 2009

 **2 Summer Concert Series** - Jerusalem Mill Meadow, music by The Great Train Robbery begins at 6:00 p.m. The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by one of a select group of regional performers. Sodas and snacks can be purchased on site. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org). Call: 410-877-3560. \$7/person (\$5/person if a member of The Friends of Jerusalem Mill), children under 12 admitted free.


**2 Owl Prowl/Night Hike** - Days Cove, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Spend an evening hiking in and near the woods of Days Cove, searching and listening for the hunters of the night. Learn about these amazing animals with hands-on activities during the program. Quiet is the key to a successful night hike; please plan accordingly when considering the participation of young children. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.

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
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View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Follow the efforts of the Friends of Jerusalem Mill in restoring the significant architecture of this colonial era settlement. Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday. Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.

**2, 9, 16, 30 Gunpowder River Tubing Trip** - TCB Trail, Monkton Station, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Beat the summer heat with a leisurely tubing trip down the Big Gunpowder Falls. Meet at Monkton Station for a 1.8 mile hike up the TCB Trail. Then enjoy the two hour river float back to Monkton Station. Wear sunblock, swimsuits or shorts and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Secure your car keys. Tubes and PFD's are provided. Please arrive early, as parking spaces are at a premium at this location. Participants must be at least 16 years old. This is a shine only event. *This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-472-3144 before noon on the day of the trip. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$5/person.*

 **2, 16 North Point Exploration** - North Point State Park visitor center, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. This area has so much to offer for nature and history lovers alike! Enjoy an interactive educational program with one of our knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists at North Point State Park, located on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Topics vary by week. No registration necessary.


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
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**9 Creepy Critters** - Hammerman Area, Ash parking lot, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Are there animals that scare you? Do spiders, snakes, and other creepy crawlies keep you from enjoying the outdoors? Join a naturalist and empower yourself with knowledge and an appreciation for the importance of all living things- helping you overcome your fears! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.

 **15 Arts at Sparks** - TCB Trail, Sparks Nature Center anytime from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Learn how to make a fun craft from natural materials. For children ages 5 - 12. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost \$2 per person. No registration necessary.

 **15 Squirmy Wormy** - North Point State Park, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 12:00-1:00 pm. Choose which session works best for you! Worms may be slimy, but they are a fascinating and vital part of our local



environment. Come explore the world of the worm with us! Be ready to dig in the dirt with us and make a tasty snack! *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.*

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**22 Sunset Paddle** - Days Cove, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Explore the scenic Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity at dusk. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Cost: \$8/person.*

## SEPTEMBER 2009

**6 Summer Concert Series** - Jerusalem Mill Meadow, music by bluegrass group "Late for Supper" begins at 6:00 p.m. The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by one of a select group of regional performers. Sodas and snacks can be purchased on site. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org). *Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: \$5/person, children under 12 admitted free.*

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**12 Trail Work Shop** - Location TBA, Northern Baltimore Co., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. First meet at Sparks to learn the basics of trail maintenance and design. Then head out in the field to practice your skills. Please dress appropriately wearing layers, comfortable boots, and work gloves. *Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.*

**20 End of Summer Open House** - TCB Trail, Monkton Station, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Stop by the station to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exiting programs coming in the fall! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration necessary.*

**26 Trail Work Day** - Location TBA, Northern Baltimore Co. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pitch in to help your local park on National Public Lands Day! Work with park staff to help repair and improve Gunpowder's trails. Please dress appropriately wearing layers, comfortable boots, and work gloves. *Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.*

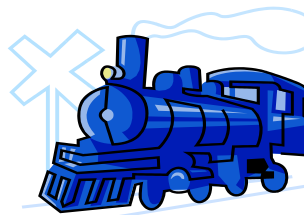


## Calling all LIFEGUARDS!

Do you need a job this summer?



Work at the Hammerman Beach and make great money in the sun! Call 410-592-2897 or check out [www.dnr.maryland.gov/hr/jobs.asp](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/hr/jobs.asp) for more information or for an application.



## TCB Trail News

Allen Brougham, long time member of the NCR/Hereford volunteers, was kind enough to write to us to highlight two upcoming 2009 Anniversaries on the TCB Trail. They are the 50th anniversary of the last ride of the train known as the Parkton local, and the 20th anniversary of the reopening of Monkton Station for use as a visitor center and museum. Brougham remembers riding the Parkton local as a boy, and he was one of those attending the final ride of the train from Baltimore to Parkton with his father on June 27, 1959. Brougham also fondly recalls attending the official reopening of Monkton Train Station in 1989, when Dr. Torrey C. Brown, then the director of The Department of Natural Resources, drove a "golden spike" on the section of track displayed behind Monkton Station. The rail trail has since been renamed to honor Dr. Brown. Brougham and many other local railroad enthusiasts will surely reflect on the trail's railroad past during these 2009 anniversaries.

Thanks Allen, for your dedication to the rail trail and its proud railroad history!

## DAY OF THE HORSE

Saturday, October 17  
10301 Harford Rd, Glen Arm



Join us for all-day family-fun at the Graham Equestrian Center, part of Gunpowder Falls State Park. Educational seminars and demonstrations all about horses, children's corner with arts, crafts and hay ride, vendors and food. Free admission, donations accepted. For more details go to [www.grahameq.org](http://www.grahameq.org).

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save Bald Eagles was largely stemmed by ordinary people. From politicians and government employees to farmers, scientists, teachers, and journalists, the American public successfully turned a dwindling population of only around 412 nesting pairs in the lower 48 states, to a flourishing group of hundreds of thousands of birds today.

Here at Gunpowder, we intimately understand just how valuable one, two, or three people can be. We are an organization supported by staff and volunteers who deeply care about what we do, and who make every effort to live and breathe our purpose in one way or another. Those of you who have supported this park for years have seen first-hand the things we have accomplished to preserve, protect, enhance, and restore our local natural resources; we also hope we have helped produce a generation of responsible environmental stewards through our public outreach and interpretive programs.

Sir Edmund Burke said, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." We hope you will take this statement to heart and do what you can this summer to lend a helping hand to the abundance of nature around you. Here are some tips to get you started!

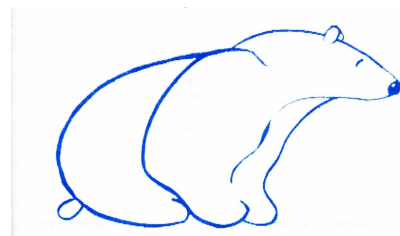
For more information or  
references, email park-  
gunpowder  
@dnr.state.md.us.



### Six EASY And CHEAP Things YOU Can Do NOW To Help The Environment

1. Install **Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs**, use ceiling fans instead of air conditioning, and unplug appliances when they are not in use. This will not only save energy but will also lower your electric bill this summer!
2. Buy **locally grown produce**, or grow your own. Maryland has a great abundance of local vegetable and fruit farmers—support your local community AND help the planet at the same time!
3. **Line-dry** your clothes this summer. You'll save energy and money, your clothes will last longer, and they'll always have that great, fresh air smell!
4. Bring **reusable grocery bags** instead of paper or plastic. Most grocers now offer stylish and inexpensive reusable bags—now if we could all just remember to bring them!
5. Attend the **2009 Gunpowder Polar Fair** on April 25<sup>th</sup>! Join us at North Point State Park for hands-on exhibits, workshops, music, food, games and prizes. Learn about global warming and how we can all make small changes for a big result. Enjoy the outdoors with friends and family while learning what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and help the environment! Kids—enter the Gunpowder Polar Fair Creative Writing Contest and show off your inspirational skills.
6. Attend **any park program** this summer! Kids can be Junior Rangers or Go Green for Animals. Adults and families can volunteer for trail work days or help out at park clean-up events. Programs are free or cheap and a great way to get the family outdoors and learn a little at the same time. Your support is vital for our continued success—join us!

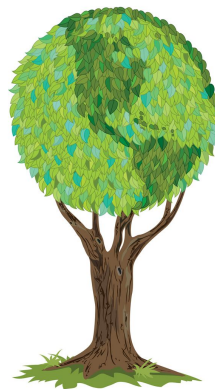
## THE GunpowdEr Global WarminG initiative: Update



Remember the bear! A few years ago, Gunpowder embarked upon a mission to do our part to fight global warming. As wildlife lovers we chose the polar bear, seriously endangered by global warming, as the symbol of our endeavors and a way to remind us that what we do on a local level can have global life and death impact. Gunpowder continues to focus on our global warming initiative. In addition to hosting the 2nd Annual Polar Fair this Saturday, April 25th, we have taken steps to reduce our park's collective carbon footprint. We have recycled many tons of paper, plastic and aluminum; we carpool whenever possible; we use CFLs wherever feasible; and we've conducted energy audits of our facilities in order to improve efficiency.

As we plan future projects and programs we've got our eye on going even greener! Massive tree planting plans are being developed for our Hereford, Days Cove and Hammerman locations. We are assessing our walkways and parking lots with an eye towards transforming impervious surfaces into absorbent green grounds where possible. Green concessions are coming to Monkton and Dundee Creek Marina.

Join us in our efforts! When you visit the park, pack a reusable water bottle to keep you hydrated while reducing waste. Walk, bike or carpool to park locations to reduce carbon emissions. Support us in our green programming efforts by volunteering and by attending our Polar Fair! We welcome the opportunity to continue greening the park with you!



### Sparks Bank Nature Center

Open weekends all summer!  
Come visit the nature center for educational programs, storytelling, crafts, games, animals, and more!  
Or, call us at 410-592-2897 and request to talk to the park programmer to set up a private program for your youth group!



# Summer Youth Programs

## Junior Rangers

The Junior Rangers program returns for the summer of 2009! Kids from 9-12 years old are invited to get outside, explore the park, discover nature, and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. We are offering four different locations this year, so no matter where you are there is a session convenient for you. Sign up soon because space is limited and you don't want to miss out on all the fun!

### Areas & Times

North Point:  
June 24 - July 29  
Wednesdays, 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hammerman:  
June 25 - July 30  
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Days Cove:  
June 23 - July 28  
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sparks:  
June 24 - July 29  
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Park Pals

Younger children ages 5-8 can join in the fun too! Park Pals are introduced to the outdoors through games, crafts and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in the same topics as Junior Rangers, but with a more hands-on approach that's tailored to early childhood. It's perfect for the younger brothers and sisters of Junior Rangers!

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Hammerman:  
June 25 - July 30  
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Days Cove:  
June 23 - July 28  
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25 per child for Junior Rangers or Park Pals. Take advantage of our great family rate! \$10 for each additional child from the same family!

**Requirements:** Children must attend four out of six sessions and complete required activities to earn their patch.

**Registration:** To register, call 410-592-2897. Registration is limited to 20 children per Junior Ranger session and 15 per Park Pal session. Early registration is recommended.



## Visit Oregon Ridge Nature Center

~A Baltimore County facility and our neighbor near the southern end of the TCB trail!  
For these and other great events...

Call: 410-877-1815 or visit [www.oregonridge.org](http://www.oregonridge.org)



**April 26 - Earth Day Greening:** Stop by the park for a day of fun and satisfying outdoor projects, including tree planting, trail blazing, and general park beautification!

**May 16 - Music in the Woods:** Don't miss this entertaining, annual celebration of traditional music!

**May 23 or 24 - The Great ORNC Weed Pull:** Help naturalists pull invasive plants from the park. Get a workout while helping native plants thrive!

### Park Hours

<b>Park Headquarters:</b>	Open year-round, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed on state holidays
<b>Jerusalem Mill Museum:</b>	Open weekends year-round, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Available other times by appointment
<b>Blacksmith Shop &amp; Gun Shop at Jerusalem Mill:</b>	Open Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Monkton Train Station:</b>	Open weekends only in May, September and October, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hours from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Sparks Bank Nature Center:</b>	Open summer weekends. Other dates by appointment only.
<b>North Point Day Use Area:</b>	Open year-round, 8 a.m. - Sunset
<b>North Point Visitor Center:</b>	Hours from Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wednesday—Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Hammerman Day Use Area:</b>	April - October                      8:00 a.m. - Sunset November - March                10:00 a.m. - Sunset
<b>Hammerman Beach:</b>	Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Beach unguarded at other times. Lifeguard hours subject to change. Call (410) 335-3461 to confirm.
<b>Dundee Creek Marina Store:</b>	April Hours:            Call (410) 335-3461 for hours. May Hours:            Monday - Friday,            6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday            6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, open daily from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. After Labor Day: Call (410) 335-3461 for hours.
<b>Dundee Creek Marina Launching Ramp:</b>	March 1 - November 30    6:00 a.m.- Sunset
<b>Trails in the undeveloped areas of the park :</b>	Sunrise to sunset

## The Gunpowder Currents: Subscribe Today!



Be the first to hear about park events! For a donation of \$10, you will receive the *Gunpowder Currents* for one year. This offer includes two issues of the *Currents*, and notices on other events too.

Subscribers receive a \$1 discount on programs requiring pre-registration. To order, fill out this form and mail it with your payment (checks only, please) to GFSP, P.O. Box 480, Kingsville, MD 21087.

**CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DIRECTIONS TO PARK AREAS:

*Note: Gunpowder property spans from the Pennsylvania line to the Chesapeake Bay. Use Internet mapping programs with caution, as no one street address can provide proper directions to the entire park. For help with directions, call the park at 410-592-2897.*

**HAMMERMAN (Chase, Maryland)** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east (White Marsh Boulevard). Follow 43 to Route 40 east. After turning onto Rt. 40, turn right at the first light onto Ebenezer Road and follow it for 4.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left.

**MONKTON STATION (Monkton, Maryland)** - From I-83 N, take exit 27 and turn right on Mt. Carmel Road. Turn right on York Road and make a quick left onto Monkton Road. Go about 4 miles, where the road crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Monkton Station will be on your left. Limited parking. Call the park or see the website for parking options on the TCB.

**JERUSALEM MILL (Park Headquarters in Kingsville, Maryland)** - From I-95 take exit 74 for Route 152 West (Mountain Road). Follow Mountain Road toward Fallston and after about 2 miles, turn left onto Jerusalem Road (it's the first left after Singer Road). Jerusalem Mill will be on your left after 1.1 miles. Parking is in the lot on the right, just before the mill.

**NORTH POINT STATE PARK (Edgemere, Maryland)** Coming from the Towson or Essex area on the Inner Loop of I-695, take exit 42 (Edgemere - Fort Howard). Follow Route 20 south (North Point Road) through the town of Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. Coming from the Key Bridge or Glen Burnie area on the Outer Loop of I-695, take exit 43. Follow signs to Route 20 south.

**SPARKS BANK NATURE CENTER (Sparks, Maryland)** - From I-83N take exit 24 (Belfast Road). Turn right onto Belfast Road. Turn right onto York Road (Route 45). Take your second left onto Sparks Road. Follow it until it crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Sparks Bank Nature Center will be on your right. Limited parking.

## Civic Justice Corps Returns for Summer!



Keep your eyes open this summer for the Civic Justice Corps! As part of Maryland's Partnership For Children In Nature, this six-week employment program provides conservation service opportunities for Baltimore City youth. You may see youth involved in projects like trail improvement and construction, gardening, vehicle repair, tree planting, and other park maintenance tasks. Not only does this program benefit the parks and the natural resources we strive to protect, but it gives these youth a unique opportunity to deepen their appreciation of and connection to the natural world.

## Want to See More on the Web? Check These out!

Visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website to obtain information about parks, upcoming events around the State, regulations, educational programs, and so much more! Our website address is: [www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is a group which took the lead in the restoration of the 18th-century mill which now serves as park headquarters, and houses a Visitor Center and Museum. The Friends are currently working closely with DNR and Gunpowder Falls State Park to restore additional, recently acquired, properties which were also part of the historic Jerusalem Village. Information about their activities can be found at: [www.jerusalemill.org](http://www.jerusalemill.org)

The North Point Volunteer Association is a dynamic force at North Point State Park, managed as part of Gunpowder Falls State Park. They sponsor numerous activities throughout the year. Their volunteers have restored and continue to maintain the fountain that was a centerpiece of the old Bayshore Park. Follow their activities, and see how to get involved, at: [www.northpointstatepark.org](http://www.northpointstatepark.org)

Need to Report an  
Emergency or Crime in the Park?

Call Park Watch at  
1-800-825-PARK (7275)

This 24-hour DNR Communications line  
is there to help.



## Gunpowder Falls State Park

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## SERVICE CHARGES

Access to most areas of Gunpowder is free. There is a \$3 per person service charge for entrance into the Hammerman area. This service charge is in effect every day during the summer season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) and weekends in the spring and fall. Children in car seats, and patrons over age 62 are free. A \$3 per car honor system is in effect on weekdays in the spring and fall. Buses - \$10 with reservation required. At North Point State Park, a \$3 per car service charge is in effect. 2009 Season Passes are available for \$75, and can be obtained at the Hammerman and North Point areas.

## PETS

Pets are prohibited at Dundee Creek Marina, the Hammerman area and the designated developed areas of North Point. Pets *on leashes* are permitted in all other areas of the park, except youth group camping areas and where otherwise marked.

## PAVILIONS

Gunpowder has four picnic pavilions in the Hammerman area. These may be reserved in advance. For reservation dates between May 1 and September 30, call 1-888-432-CAMP. Reservations for all other dates may be made at 410-592-2897. The service charge is \$200 for pavilion use, in addition to the \$3 per person service charge for entrance. The North Point Trolley Station is a larger pavilion, which is available for rental and seats up to 400 people. The service charge varies depending upon the number of people using the facility.

## BOATING

Dundee Creek Marina provides access to the northern Chesapeake Bay. Rental boats, gas, and a full line of boating accessories are available at the marina. The service charge for launching is \$10 per launch.

## TRASH-FREE PARKS

All Maryland State Forests and Parks are Trash-Free. Please take your trash home with you and remember to reduce, reuse & recycle.

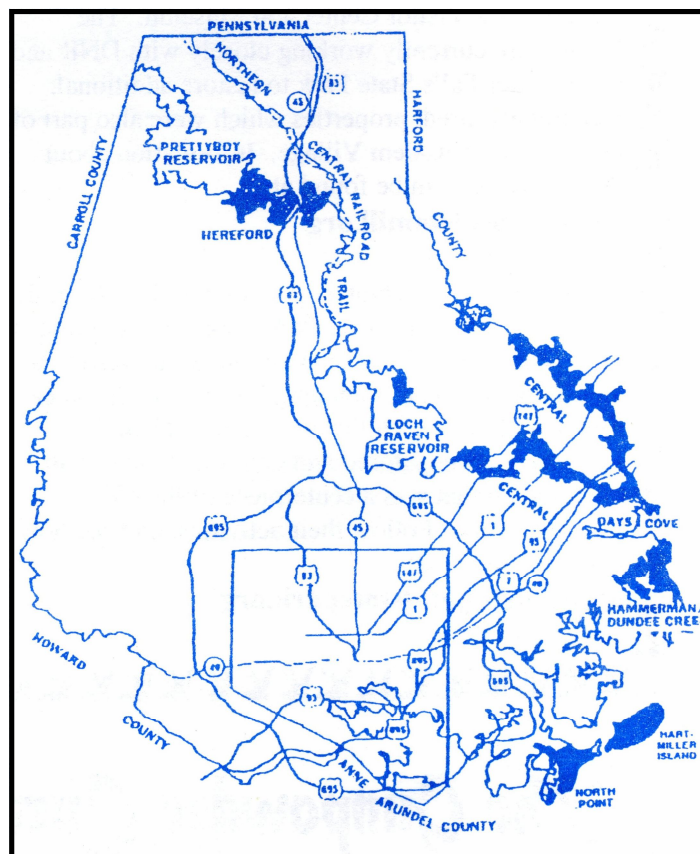
## OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Overnight camping is available at Camp Wood and Camp Cone for organized youth groups. Reservations required. Call 410-592-2897 for youth group camping. Primitive campsites at Hart-Miller Island, accessible by boat only, May 1 - Sept. 30. First come, first served. Service charge: \$6/site/night. Limit of 6 people per site.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION ?

Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897. Additional park regulations are posted on bulletin boards.

**For park events, accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.**



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